



Carbury Parish Newsletter

Sunday 7th December 2025

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Parish Office Opening Hours:

Monday to Thursday 9.30am to 5.00pm.

For all bookings, newsletter items, and general queries please call 046 9553355.

Derrinturn & Kilshanroe Churches - Masses and other liturgical ceremonies will be streamed live on the Parish Website via webcam on www.carburyparish.ie.

Local Safeguarding Representatives: Fr. Bernard Reyhart P.P. Catherine McNamara, Patricia Brady, Sharon O'Brien, Kathleen McGowan, Lucia O'Brien. DLP for Kildare: Ailish Higgins.

Next Week's Gospel: Mt 11:2-11

Second Sunday of Advent

For the desert places in which we walk, the streets we roam, the paths we cross, guide our feet, take us to places where You would go. Give us words that You would use that in this Advent season of promise and preparation we might point the way with John the Baptist to the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! (written by John Birch)

A Central Figure of Advent: John the Baptist.

Over the weeks of Advent, we encounter a number of key characters in the unfolding story of our salvation. In the Gospel this Sunday we are introduced to John the Baptist. An older cousin of Jesus, he was a prophet sent by God to prepare people for the coming of Jesus Christ into the world. His life was one of continually pointing others to Jesus. When his mother, Elizabeth, was pregnant with John, she was visited by Mary, and John leapt in his mother's womb. This revealed to Elizabeth that the child Mary carried was the Son of God. John's desert ministry was all about calling people to be ready for Jesus and the change he would bring to their lives. John's call to repentance is not mere fire and brimstone, scare tactics, but is a call rooted in the belief that God is coming to His people, and we need to be prepared. John's message provokes us into action, calling us to turn back to God and to ready ourselves for Christ to come into our lives. Crucially, this personal readying involves looking beyond ourselves, to how we treat others and live with others. As followers of Jesus, it calls us to lives of justice and right relationship with one another; it calls us to acts of kindness and charity to neighbour and stranger. This Advent how am I preparing the way to truly let Christ into my life? (Julie Kavanagh)

Christmas Station Masses

Sun 7th Dec @ 11am (Dtn) Carbury, Newbury, Longridge, Teelough, Haggard, Ardkill, Coolcor.

Sun 14th Dec @ 11am (Dtn) Rathmore, Ticknevin, Ashgrove, Ashbrook, Trinity Crescent, Trinity Drive, Ashmount. Thank you for supporting our Priests

Dates for your Diary:

Saturday 14th February EMHC training Newbridge Parish Centre, 10am – 4pm

Saturday 7th March EMHC training Cathedral Parish Centre, 10am – 4pm

Church Gate Collection: For St Vincent de Paul, will take place at 7.30pm Saturday 13th December at Kilshanroe Church and 11am Sunday 14th December at Derrinturn Church, your generosity would be greatly appreciated. SVP are also open to new members, please contact Holytrinity.carbury@svp.ie or Confidential Contact number 085-2736546.

Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat: Will take place in the Dominican College, Newbridge on 12th-14th December

Please remember in your prayers, Willie Watson, Ticknevin, Carbury, Kildare May he rest in Peace.

2025	Derrinturn Church	Kilshanroe Church
Sat 6th December <i>St Nicholas</i>		7.30pm Mass for the Living on the Mass Card List. Pat Holton, Kilshanroe, 7 th Anniversary. Paddy Holton, late of Cloona, and Johnstownbridge, 10 th Anniversary. Ellen O'Brien, Dunfierth, 50 th Anniversary, also the Deceased Members of the O'Brien Family. Paddy Keegan, Mucklon, Anniversary, also the Deceased Members of the Keegan & Fanning Family. John Bermingham Anniversary. Andrew & Ann Gannon, Gorteen, 52 nd & 9 th Anniversary respectively, also their Son Seamus 2 nd Anniversary.
Sun 7th December <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	11am Patrick Moriarty, Kerry, Months Mind. Kitty Nevin, Killina, 1 st Anniversary. William Kelly, Drehid, 1st Anniversary. Claire Melia, Birthday Remembrance. Willie Smullen, Coolavacoose, 14 th Anniversary. Laurence Gill, 27 th Anniversary, also the Deceased Members of the Gill Family. Seamus Gill, 50 th Anniversary, also Michael Gill Snr. and Patsy & Billy Gill, Ballybrack. Anniversary Masses: Irene Fylan, Ballyhegan. Tommy Holt, Derrinturn. Maria, Patrick, Ned & John Cummins, Dreenane.	
Mon 8th December <i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	<i>Adoration until 10.30pm</i> 9.30am Esther Gill, Killina, Birthday Remembrance. Remembering the Deceased Members of the McDermott Family, Rathmore / Ticknevin. Anniversary Masses: Paddy Judge, Ticknevin, also His Daughter Caroline Fegan. Owen, Mary Rose & Conleth Malone.	
Tues 9th December <i>St Juan Diego</i>	9.30am No Mass.	
Wed 10th December <i>Our Lady of Loreto</i>		9.00am Followed by Adoration. Noel Phelan, Anniversary, also remembering Willie & Bridie Phelan, Con & Josie Mangan & Bill & Judy Connor.
Thurs 11th December <i>St Damasus I</i>	9.30am	
Fri 12th December <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	9.30am	
Sat 13th December <i>St Lucy</i>		7.30pm Moyra Melia, Ticknevin, 2 nd Anniversary. Thomas, Elizabeth & Margaret Moran, Athlone, Christopher & Annie Coyne, Edward, Mary, Laurence & Patrick Fanning, Ardkill, also Elizabeth & Michael Gorry, Allenwood, Christmas Remembrance. Anniversary Masses: Des & Brigid Bourke. James (Jim) Duffy, Mucklon. Breda Cummins, Ardkill. Walter Lewis, Coonough.

Sun 14th December <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>	11am Jane Malone, Killina, 1 st Anniversary, also remembering Her Husband William. Patrick Hanniffy, 5 th Anniversary, also remembering His Parents Patrick & Mary, and his siblings. Eddie Logan, Anniversary. John & Elizabeth Clancy, Carbury, Anniversary, James & Catherine Ennis, also the Deceased Members of the Ennis Family. Jim Cummins, Coonough, Anniversary & Birthday Remembrance. Brian & Patricia O'Neill, Killina, Anniversaries. Christmas Remembrances: Lily, Teddy & Darragh O'Neill, Philomena & Thomas Kenny, Eddie & Esther Kenny, also Rose Kenny. Paddy, Brigid & Peadar O'Neill, Olivia & Lily Cox, and the Deceased Members of the Garry & O'Neill Family.	
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Kilshanroe Eucharistic Ministers & Readers for Saturday 13th of December

<i>Mass Time</i>	<i>Readers</i>	<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>
<i>Saturday 7.30pm</i>	Francis Cline	Andy Gannon & Owen Smith

Derrinturn Eucharistic Ministers & Readers for Sunday the 14th of December

<i>Mass Time</i>	<i>Readers</i>	<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>
<i>Sunday 11am</i>	Paul Mooney	Samantha Feely Lenehan & Sharon O'Brien

Christmas Mass Bouquets: are now available in the usual outlets and from the Parish Office. The Parish Office opening hours are 9.30am to 5pm Monday to Thursday.

Collections Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th November

<i>Collections</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Collections</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Derrinturn Basket	€705.00	Development	€651.00
Kilshanroe Basket	€340.00	Christmas Stations	€115.00
Clergy	€50.00	Mass Cards	€1,141.50

Carbury GAA Lotto: took place on Monday the 1st of December, the Lotto numbers drawn were, 5, 16, 17, 18, and the bonus ball was 22. There was 1 winner of the match 3, who won €200. The next draw will take place on Monday the 8th of December. Jackpot is €12,200.

#HaveYourSay about your Catholic School: For Attention of Parents of children attending Primary Schools or have yet to start: The Department of Education is currently conducting a Primary School Survey that will determine the future provision of Primary Schools and crucially could lead to lasting changes in your school. In simple, direct terms, you are being asked if you want your school to stay a Catholic school or if you want that to change. Don't leave it to others, have your say before 16 December 2025. See - <https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-education/campaigns/primary-school-survey/>

Eucharistic Adoration – All Are Welcome: Spend time in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Eucharistic Adoration takes place as follows:

- Every Monday following the 9:30 a.m. Mass until 10:30 p.m. in The Holy Trinity Church, Derrinturn
- Every Wednesday following the 9:00 a.m. Mass for one hour in The Holy Family Church, Kilshanroe

Please note: In the event that Mass is not celebrated, Eucharistic Adoration will proceed as scheduled in both Churches. Would you consider committing to one specific hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament each Monday in The Holy Trinity Church, Derrinturn? Please refer to the sign-up sheet available inside the Church each Monday for further details.

“Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us.” — St. Alphonsus Liguori

Family Carers Ireland: Family Carers Ireland have launched their Christmas Raffle and you could win €1,000 cash, €500 select hotels voucher or a hotel voucher. Please support family carers in your community by purchasing a ticket at www.familycarers.ie/christmas - thank you!

Santa, Mrs Claus and the Elves: This Sunday, 7th December, Santa, Mrs Claus and the Elves visit. See Mrs Claus in her kitchen where she bakes her famous cookies and take one home. Visit Santa in his wooden Grotto where you can share your Christmas wish list and take a festive gift home. Meet and greet the Elves and have your photo taken. All this, only €5 per child. FREE parking.

Edenderry Library

Throughout December – Santa's Postbox is available in Edenderry Library for those all-important Santa letters.

Tuesday 9th Dec: 2pm – 5pm – Festive DIY Craft Table – Children must be supervised by an adult.

Wednesday 10th Dec: 3pm -6pm – After School Lego Club with festive themed lego challenges. 3.30pm – Bookworms Children's Bookclub – New members Welcome. 6pm – Special Storytime with Santa – for under 7s **Strictly** Booking Required – email edenderrylibrary@offalycoco.ie 6.30pm – Creative Writing Group. 7pm – Ciorcal Comhrá – conversational Irish group for adults - new member's welcome.

Thursday 11th Dec: 11am – Baby & Me Sensory Music Session facilitated by Music Generation, Booking Required. Sensory Room available for Bookings every Thursday.

Friday 12th Dec: 10.30am – Baby & Toddler Group. 3.30pm – Penguin Craft for over 6s. Booking Required.

Saturday 13th Dec: 10am – STEM Saturday including Magic Table. 10.30am – Robin Redbreast Craft for over 6s with Jenny Bergin – booking required. 11am – Christmas Storytime for under 6s

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Thursday 11th Dec: 2pm - 4.30pm – After School Lego Club with festive themed lego challenges.

3.30pm – Penguin Craft – booking required. 6pm – Knitting & Stitching Group.

Saturday 13th Dec: 10am -12.30pm – Lego Free play & Board Games. 10.30am – Festive Story tots – Christmas Story for under 6s.

Entering into the season of Advent... The traditional prayer of Advent, 'Come, Lord Jesus', brings us straight to the heart of what this season is about. The word 'Advent' stems from the Latin 'Adventus,' meaning 'coming' or 'arrival'. It speaks to our yearning for the presence of Jesus in our lives and to a deep-down recognition for the need of this presence above all things. At the beginning of a new Church year, over the Four Sundays of the Advent season we ready ourselves for the joy of Christmas when we remember and commemorate the birth of Christ. Advent is also about preparing ourselves for His second coming, at the end of time. We are reminded of this second coming in many phrases that we hear or say at Mass, for example 'as we look forward to his second coming', 'when he comes again in glory', 'as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour'. This second coming is a central theme from the beginning of Advent right up to 17 December. From that point, our attention and preparation move more exclusively to the commemoration of His first coming on the Feast of the Nativity. And yet, as we prepare to remember his coming at Christmas and to anticipate his Second Coming, we also recognise that the risen Christ is always coming to us. In these Advent days, Jesus, the Lord who is HOPE, PEACE, JOY & LOVE, reaches out to us and walks with us. As we journey through these days are we ready to welcome him again and again into our life? Are we preparing a way for the Lord? Are we prepared to pray, 'Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!'. (Julie Kavanagh)

Celebrating 21 years: This Sunday, today, December 7th, we're 21 years old - Caragh's Christmas Craft Fair. It is sure to immerse you in the festive spirit with something for all ages. One of the best Fairs in Co. Kildare, it will provide many aspects from atmosphere, food, music, and various stalls with gifts, crafts and home-bakes. Whether you're hunting for Christmas presents to delight your loved ones or seeking something special, the Fair will be brimming with one-of-a-kind gems for you to explore this year. Visiting the Fair is a wonderful day out and a great opportunity to meet neighbours and friends. Refreshments served all day in the lounge. The Craft Fair will be decked with more lights and trees than ever before. As an even better bonus, entry and parking is FREE."

Kilshanroe Tidy Towns: Introducing Kilshanroe Tidy Towns! A few local residents have come together with a shared goal — to enhance our village and build a community we can all be proud of. We want Kilshanroe to be safe, clean, and welcoming, with everyone feeling a sense of pride in where we live. We're now working towards forming a Tidy Towns committee to help access grants and support future projects. Whether you'd like to join the committee, volunteer for events, or simply follow our progress online, we'd love to have you involved! Email kilshanroetidytowns@gmail.com or message us on our Facebook page Kilshanroe Tidy Towns to get in touch. (20+) Kilshanroe Tidy Towns | Facebook

Communion Calls: Fr. Bernard is available to do house calls for the sick or housebound on the First Friday of each month in Derrinturn and the First Wednesday in Kilshanroe. If you would like the Priest to call, you can phone the Parish Office 046-95-53355 to leave your name, address and Eircode.